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SUBJ: GOB ECONOMIC MEASURES MAKE LABOR UNHAPPY

1. THE LABOR MOVEMENT'S REACTION TO THE GOB'S NEW ECONOMIC MEASURES RANGES FROM ANGER TO DISAPPOINTMENT. NO UNION-SPONSORED PROTEST STRIKES OR DEMONSTRATIONS APPEAR LIKELY, BUT UNIONS OF EVERY STRIPE HARBOR HOPES FOR MORE GENEROUS PAY INCREASES IN THE FUTURE THAN THOSE DECREED BY THE GOB.

2. THE MOST VOCIFEROUS DENUNCIATION OF THE NEW ECONOMIC MEASURES ON THE PART OF AN ACTIVE AND LEGALLY REGISTERED LABOR CENTER CAME FROM

THE FACTORY WORKERS. SOURCES WITHIN THIS ORGANIZATION INDICATE THAT THIS PUBLIC DENUNCIATION MAY WELL BE THE EXTENT OF THE FACTORY WORKERS

PROTEST. THESE SOURCES CLAIM THAT THE CONFEDERATION AND ITS COMPONENTS

HAVE HAD 23 LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS PLACED UNDER DETENTION OR SENT INTO EXILE IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS IN CONNECTION WITH AN ALLEGED

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SUBVERSIVE PLOT AND THAT THE CONFEDERATION IS CLOSE TO PARALYSIS.

3. THE MINERS FEDERATION DENOUNCED THE FACT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THAT FEDERATION'S MEMBERS--THE WORKERS IN THE NATIONALIZED MINES--WERE

BEING DENIED ANY PAY RAISE AT ALL. SOURCES IN THE FEDERATION INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE MINERS WILL FORMALLY PETITION FOR AN INCREASE IN SALARY ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE GOB'S ECONOMIC MEASURES WILL CAUSE A RISE IN THE GENERAL COST OF LIVING WHICH WILL AFFECT MINERS EVEN THOUGH

PRICES OF STAPLES AVAILABLE IN THE COMIBOL COMMISSARIES REMAIN THE SAME. THE INTENSITY OF THE MINERS' PROTEST HAS BEEN DAMPENED BY THE

FACT THAT TWO OF THE FEDERATION'S TOP LEADERS, VICTOR LOPEZ AND ARTURO

CRESPO, HAVE HAD TO REPORT TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR EVERY OTHER DAY

TO REVIEW THEIR ACTIVITIES SINCE THEIR NAMES APPEARED ON A LIST OF BOLIVIAN MARXISTS ALLEGEDLY FOUND IN THE DESK OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE.

4. PRO-GOVERNMENT TRADE UNIONISTS WHO HAD ACCEPTED THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE

ECONOMIC MEASURES ON THE BASIS OF ADVANCE INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THEY WOULD RECEIVE COMPENSATING SALARY INCREASES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF

100 PESOS PER MONTH WERE DISAPPOINTED BY THE MARGIN OF INCREASE IN THE PRICES OF STAPLES. EVEN STRONGLY MNR UNION LEADERS SEEM TO HOPE THAT THEIR RANK AND FILE WILL OBTAIN EVENTUAL RELIEF IN THE FORM OF WAGE INCREASES SOMETIME IN THE INDEFINITE FUTURE.

5. COMMENT: NO UNION SEEMS TO FEEL STRONG ENOUGH TO CHALLENGE THE GOB AT THIS MOMENT. HOWEVER, MANY UNION LEADERS APPEAR TO FEEL CERTAIN

THAT THE GOB WILL YIELD TO SOME OTHER UNION OR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP AND THUS PERMIT THEM TO FILE FOR CONCESSIONS ON BEHALF OF THEIR RANK AND FILE.

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